

The diagram illustrates a network architecture for an auction system. At the center is a cloud labeled "Network 160". Connected to this network are several components:

- Two "102 user/customer" devices (laptops) on the left.
- Three "106 Bidder" devices (laptops) on the right.
- A "107 Bidder" device (server rack) on the right.
- A "101 Auction Central Processing Unit" (large rectangle) at the bottom center, connected to the network cloud.

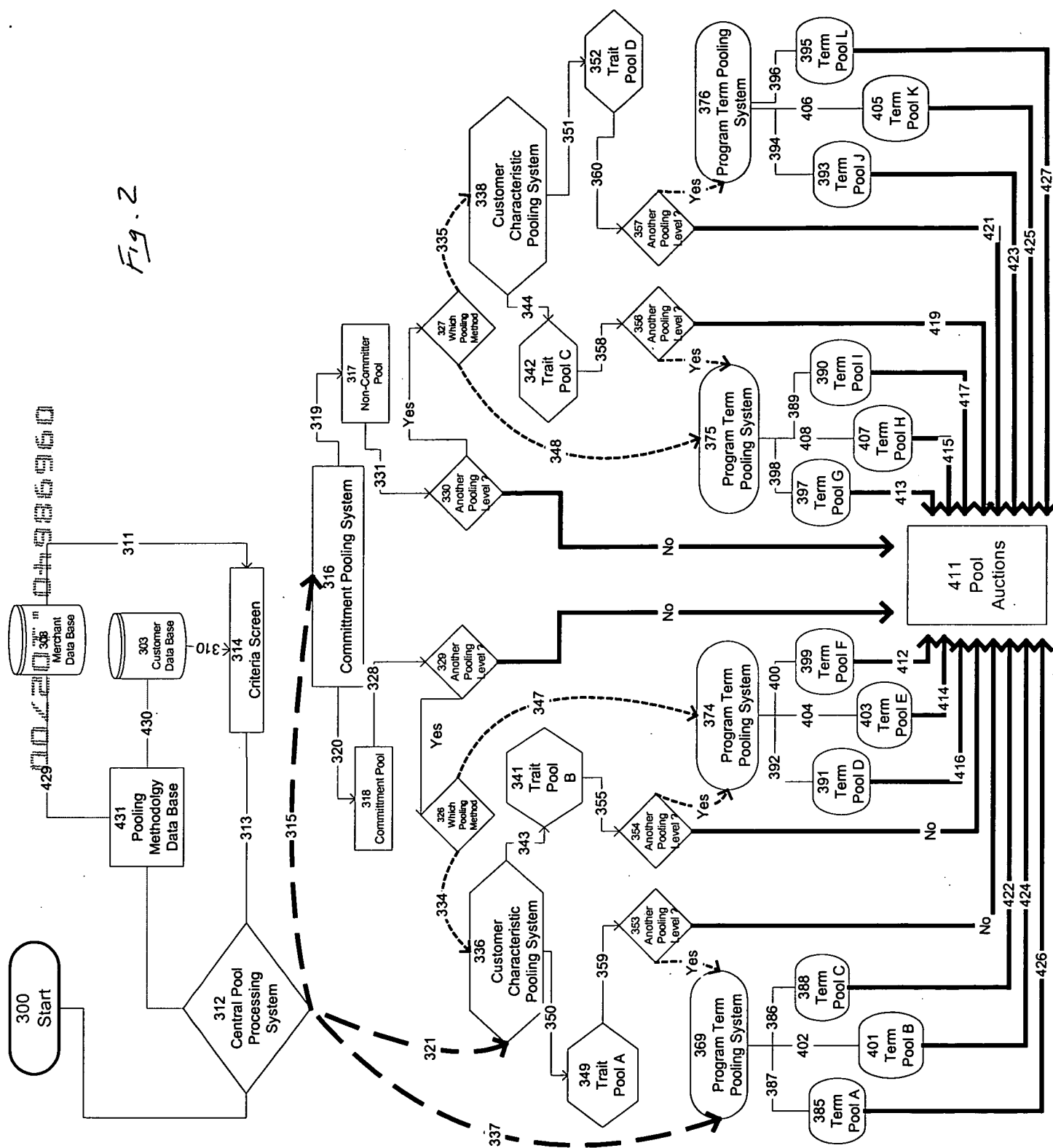
The "101 Auction Central Processing Unit" is further connected to three databases on its left:

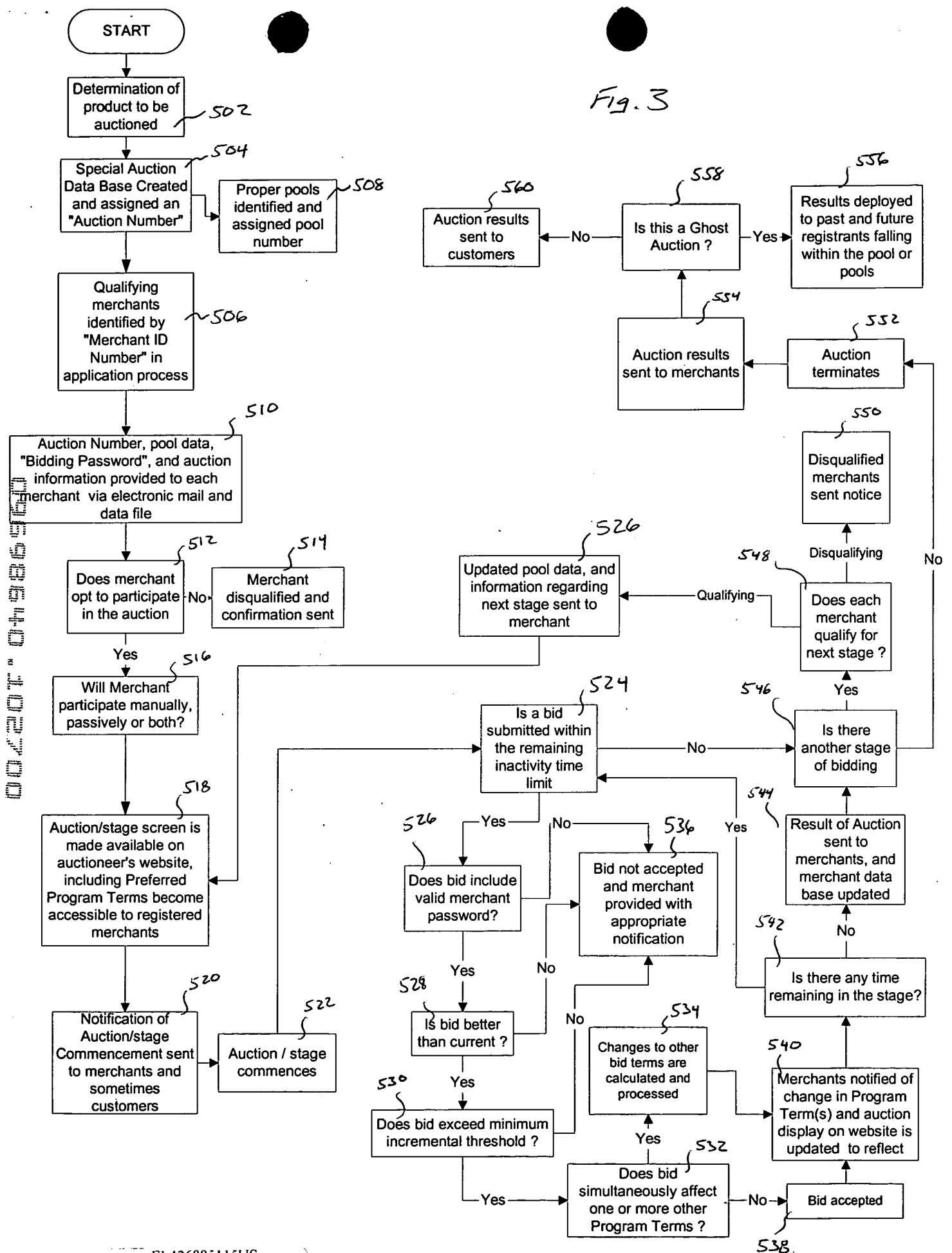
- "125 customer application database"
- "123 Customer Data"
- "124 Merchant Data"

Below the central unit, a horizontal line connects to a series of modules:

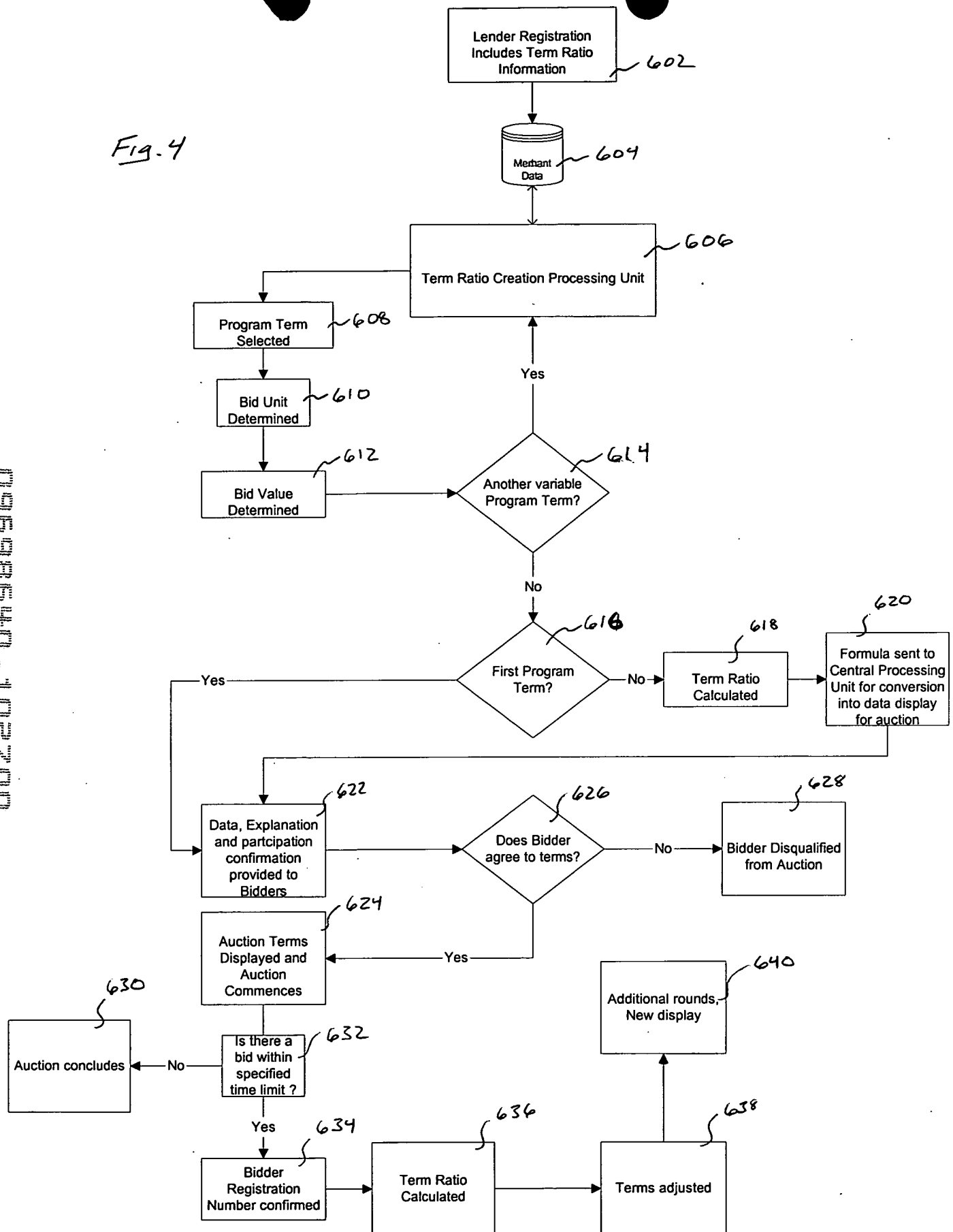
- "111 Customer Data Entry Module"
- "112 Bid Processing & Auction Module"
- "113 Bidder Data Entry Module"
- "114 Display Module"
- "115 Application Processing Module"
- "116 Pooling Modules": A group containing "116A Pooling Module", "116B Pooling Module", "116C Pooling Module", and "116D Pooling Module".
- "117 Data Transmission Module"
- "118 Security Module"

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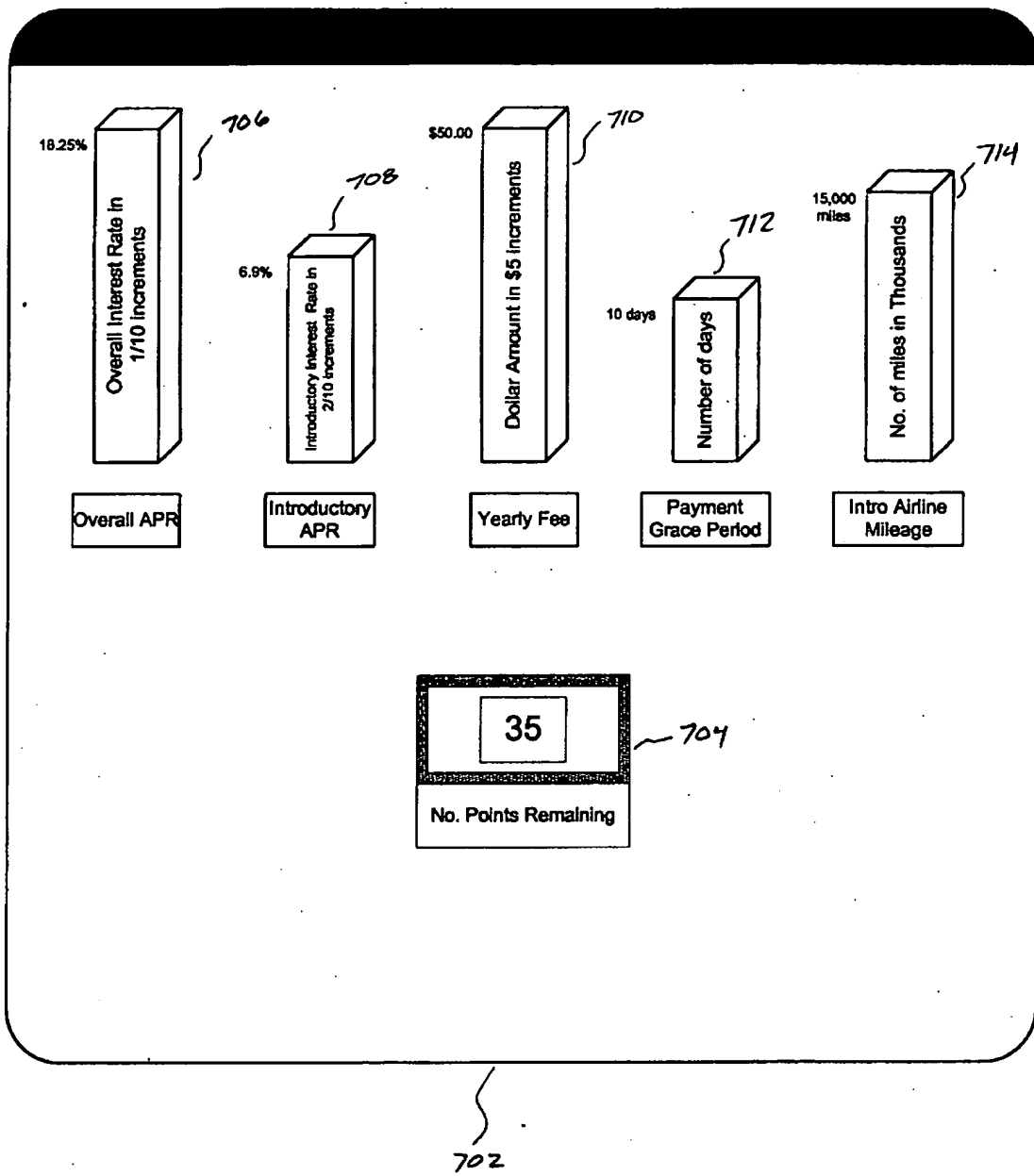


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